

INTERESTING TURF EVENTS.

**THIS WEEK'S CONFLICT IN DATES AND
THE WAY OF BETTING.**

For the first time in the history of racing in the vicinity of New York there will be a

clashing of dates between leading jockey clubs during the present week. The American and Brooklyn clubs announce that they will race on Tuesday and Wednesday, Tuesday being the opening day of the American Jockey Club's spring meeting. The Country Club Steeplechase Association will inaugurate their spring meeting at Pelham to-morrow, one of Brooklyn's regular dates, and the Hudson County Racing Association advertise that their spring meeting will be resumed at Guttenberg on

Thursday and continue every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. This will conflict with Jersey Park's dates. There is a great deal of money in racing just now, and all are endeavoring to share in the harvest. The fact that Monmouth Park Association can give \$250,000 in stakes and purses during the meeting of twenty-five days, and then divide between \$75,000 and \$100,000 among the stockholders, shows how profitable the business has become.

The meeting of the American Jockey Club

under the new administration will be very important in several respects. The President, Mr. John Hunter, has been identified with Jerome Park from the first opening of its gates, and his long experience has made him thoroughly conversant with all matters pertaining to the turf. The Executive Committee, composed of President Hunter, Leonard W. Jerome, P. Lorrillard, Jr., W. H. McVicker, W. Duer, J. O. Donner, F. R. Hitecheck, J. W. Wadsworth, and L. L. Lorrillard, are all turfmen, and will be of great assistance for the host.

Among new rules adopted, the application of which will be watched with uncommon interest, is one barring out horses, owners, trainers, and jockeys from the track for a year for a race on fractional tracks; another rule that permits no jockey to ride in any race unless duly licensed by the Executive Committee; also a rule that bars out all trainers not licensed by the Executive Committee from the track for a year; and one providing that any person who shall be arrested for a violation of the provisions of the laws facing big game shall be suspended from all privileges of the course until the day of his trial, when he shall be liable to a fine of \$100.

But, above all others, the matter that most excited race lovers is the declaration that bookmakers will not be allowed to do business at the meeting, and that betting will be confined to mutual pools. The committee refused to declare that if this project is carried out the meeting will be a failure. In proof of this they refer to the backing down of Col. Clark at Louisville, followed by that of President Greaves at Louisville, and the subsequent opposition of horsemen and the betting public to the movement for reform. In justice to Col. Clark, it should be stated that he was not opposed to bookmaking provided the book-

investigation as to whether the books pay more than mutuals has led to much discussion of late. Investigation by the *Spirit of the Times* led to this interesting result: "We have taken the trouble to go over the returns of the 100 mutuals in the city of New York, which were both books and mutuals were in operation, and compared the results. We have supposed a man bet \$10 on each race, \$5 in the books and \$5 in the mutuals. At the close of the Spring Meeting, the day after the total return on investment on a winning horse in the books would be \$1,129, while in the mutuals it would reach \$1,305—an ex-

doss of \$176.00. At the Spring meeting, held at the Coney Island, the mutinials paid the books paid \$1,575. while the mutinials paid \$1,671—an excess of \$96 in favor of the mutinials. At the Coney Island Autumn meeting the books paid \$2,115, while the mutinials paid \$2,135—an excess of \$20 in favor of the mutinials. At the Brooklyn autumn meeting the books paid \$1,664, while the mutinials paid \$1,692.90—an excess of \$28.90 in favor of the mutinials. At the Jerome Park autumn meeting the books paid \$1,379.87, while the mutinials paid \$1,379.87—an excess of \$137.87 in favor of the mutinials. For the five meetings the total excess of the mutinials over the books on win-

One thing race goers can depend on, and that is, there will be royal sport at the old race course when the big dogs of the horse world come in training around New York, and the pick of them will appear at Jerome Park, including the great open horses, the crack three-year-olds,

Three rich stakes are on the card of six races for the opening day (Tuesday) at Jerome Park. The City Handicap, for all ages, \$5,000 added money, one mile and a furlong, closed with three of the best horses in the country, like to appear at the post are: Kingston, 124 pounds; Volante, 124; Eolian, 123; Elwood, 121; Sax-

ony, 119; Kaloohai, 117; Ben Ali, 116; Banburg, 116; Eurus, 115; Richmond, 115; Emperor of the East, 114; Bess, 109; Kianath, 98; King Crab, 95; Fordham, 97. The race for the historic Juvenile Stakes, in which many famous race horses have made their first appearance, has sixty-two starters. Among the favorites are the English goldfish, Buddhist, Seymour, and dark grackon from the stables of Messrs. Belmont, Huggins, Cassatt, Withers, Baldwin, and Mrs. Lordard. The new Arrow Stakes, with 12,000 starters, will be the largest race yet held. The course, 1,400 yards, will attract the best three-year-olds of the year. More than a dozen rich

The Jockey Club has provided a card of seven races for Decoration Day, the features of which will be the Tremont Stakes and the Fort Hamilton Handicap. The Tremont is the richest two-year-old stake of the year, and four nominations were made at \$100 each, but only three were claimed, with \$2,500 added; distance, three-quarters of a mile. As French Park is not engaged in it, there are no penalties, the youngsters will run on their merits. The Fort Hamilton Handicap is a three-year-old race, \$2,000 added, with \$1,500 added, mile and a furlong.

The County Club's steepchase meeting at Pelham will continue two days, May 28 and June 1. The first day's programme is made up of six races of a diversified nature that will be enjoyable sport. The Pelham Handicap Steeplechase, over the full course, about two miles and three-quarters, has thirty-five entries. The other races are the Hunters' Handicap Steeplechase, open handicap steeplechase, the Maiden Stakes, a hurdle race, the race, and a maiden colt yearling race.

M. Nathan Straus, who sailed for Europe on Saturday, and who will extend his journey to the Paphos for the purpose of visiting his brother, Minister to Turkey. Informs us that he has been asked by Mr. J. H. Wells Hamilton on the terms offered by her owner, Harry Wilkes, Prince Wilkes, and Oliver K. M. Strauss says that the Buffalo track is good enough for him, and that a mile-and-a-half contest is to his mind, and he believes it would be lower his record, and he believes it would be lower his

the Buffalo track in a race with a mare as fast and steady as Belle Hagelin. Mr. Straus will not return to New York until after the summer and he will not allow the sale of Startie to not a bidder there. When the horse starts he wants to be on the ground. On Tuesday Frank Van Ness went to Morris-town to give to Harry Wilkes his work. In the afternoon he said to him that he had advised the Meaders, Sirs and the other progeny of Mr. Hamlin. He likes the track and is so confident that he will be treated as fairly at Buffalo as on any park in the country. The inference is that the horse, are that Belle Hamlin will have plenty of work.

Macey Brothers of Versailles, Ky., propose a trotting match to the religious community. They have a yearling by M. J. Jigger as a stake. If Cuckoo, that they believe to be the best trotter of his size in Woodford county, in order to back their opinion they offer to bet \$100 that in the yearling can beat any other yearling in Woodford county on the track. In deference to the religious feeling of the community, make this novel proposition to any church member owning a yearling: If their Cuckoo remains undefeated, the church member will

Tried Once in Fifty Years.
From the Leviston Journal.

Fifty years ago a man who lived on the upper Adirondack trail determined to defy the social usages of the day and to trade whisky without the aid of liquor. He succeeded. The barn frame was put up nicely, but in the night

his indignant neighbors tore it down and threw it into the river.